# OVER CONTRACTS

Huge Sums Lost in Final Settlement of Claims of Vessel Builders.

AUDIT SYSTEM 'CRUDE.'

Witness at Graft Investigation Estimates \$2,000,000,000 Was Paid in Waste.

Martin J. Gillen, former executive assistant to Chairmon John Barton Payne and Admiral Benson of the Shipping Board, told the Congressional Committee this afternoon that when Alonzo Tweedale was made treasurer of the Shipping Board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation on Aug. 1, 1919, no record existed in either office which showed how the two and one-half billion dollars expended up to that time had been disbursed. Neither was there any record, he said, of \$240,000,000 worth of securities, including mortgages and Liberty Bonds belonging to the Flent Corporation. These securities were later found deposited with a Philadelphia Trust Company, he said.

Testimony of fabulous sums paid by the Shipping Board to take over contracts for vessels under construction during the war, and of crude auditing methods under whose workings the board never knew where it stood financially, was given to-day before the Congressional Committee investigating charges of graft and Notable Hosis and Hostesses mismanagement in Shipping Board operations. The evidence was given by Martin J. Gillen, former executive assistant to Judge Barton Payne when he was Chairman of the Hoard and once trustee of the Emergency on the immediate programme is the

some in which 451 ships were being costume dinners will be given at pri France, Denmark and Japan: It was Ritz. necessary to learn. he said, the Some of the hosts and hostesses at the uncompleted vessels, as the re- Payne Whitney, Mrs. John Magee, in which all parties were non-resi-

amount of material on hand for the Ellsworth, Mrs. William tloadby court those who originally contracted for Shechan and Mrs. Edson Bradley.

April, 1919, although, the witness said, the had never been able to discover the basis upon which the award was made. Whatever the basis was, he declared, his investigations proved to him that the award involved an overpayment of \$23,250,404.

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### New York Society to Pay MILLIONS TO TAKE 'America's Tribute to Italy' TO FILL ALL NEEDS In a Real Venetian Ball



RESIDENTS TO COME

FIRST IN HIS COURT

Justice Ford Stops Trial of Case

Because Parties Live in

Brooklyn.

for Gala Night at the Ritz Next Tuesday.

The most brilliant fashionable event Venetian ball to be given at the Ritz Among the shipbuilding yards Carlton next Tuesday evening by the taken over when America entered newly organized national excitty for the war, Mr. Gillen testified, were "America's Tribute to Italy." Many built for citizens of Norway, Italy, vate homes just before the ball at the

Others prominent in this affair are the fury had just about been com-

Barker, Frederick Jones 2d. Frederick on the payment of \$23,250,404.

In July, 1918, contracts were taken over for the building of two boats, he said, ordered from Skinner & Eddy, contractors, by the Japanese firm of Matsui & Co. An initial payment of \$3,500,000 on the \$6,000,000 contract was made by Mitsui & Co. The Japanese firm never has received its money, Gillen testified.

The Shipping Board's records of its \$,000 voyage accounts were kept in such a chaotic condition that up to October, 1919, only eight of the accounts could be found to have been audited, Mr. Gillen testified.

When the war broke out, he said, the Government appropriated \$3,000,000,000 for the Shipping Board's \$2,000,000,000 for the Shipping Board's records of how much money the Board had handled. Vast sums, he said, were expended of which the Board had noted the figures to give an idea of how much money the Board had noted to winch the Board had noted to wi

received in profits \$400,000,000. He quoted the figures to give an idea of how much money the Board had an andied. Vast sums, he said, were expended of which the Board had han knowledge; no supervision was exorcised over the expenditures and the accounts rendered by the auditing department.

The witness learned for October, 199, that of the twenty-seven New York banks acting as depositories for Shipping Board funds, eight banks had \$21,250,000 of Shipping Board money, and he estimated from his investigations from \$5,000,000 to \$5,000,000 more was held by a number of shipp operators who maintained bank accounts in their own names with Shipping Board money.

A report made by him to Mr. Payne, he said, accompanied by recommendations of changes which would enable the Board to keep accurate account of voyage funds, resulted in 900 accountants being put to date the \$0,000 voyage accounts.

The suddied accounts, he declared, showed there was \$120,000,000 fevers with Shipping Board money.

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### ENOUGH COAL HERE SAYS COMMITTEE

Deliveries Declared Sufficient, to Prevent Suffering by Any in City.

The New York Committee on Anthracite Coal Distribution announced to-day that deliveries made within the last forty-eight hours have been sufficient for all emergency purposes, and that there is no longer any reason why there should be suffering anywhere in the city because of a lack of domestic coal.

Deliveries ranging from 250 to 700 tons each, it was announced, have been made at the following East and Harlem River points; Burling Slip, Pier 36, 14th Street, Delancey Street, 119th Street and 215th Street. Along the North River deliveres have been made at 30th, 54th, 133d and 138th Streets. In Brooklyn there have been delivered at Gowanus Canal, 5th XMAS MAIL OFF Street, 26th Street, Vandevere Park, fist Street, Newtown Creek, Bath Beach, East New York and three Richmond Hill yards.

The committee reported that thou-

sands of tons had been received and that thousands more are en route to

A meeting of wholesale anthracite coal dealers will be held at the and 300 third cubic passengers and the Whitehall Chris this afternoon to avt. on a price control plan proposed by or which goes to China, Japan and the their own recently appointed Fair Far East. Price Committee. The restrictions provided for in this plan are similar to those which brought about a derease in the retail price of bituminus coal. There are two main propsitions to be considered, as follows:

"That resales of coal shall be restricted to two wholesalers. For the purpose of this hgreement any mine agent shall be considered a wholesaler.

"The gross maximum profit to the wholesaler shall not exceed 10 per cent, on the price at the place of purchase,"

Charles S. Alien, head of the Woole sale Coal Trade Association, said the fixing of a "10 per cent, maximum Supreme Court Justice Ford halted profit" for the wholesaler did not trial of a case before him to-day to mean that the wholesaler would acsay he would refuse to delay cases of maily take that much profit. The 10 amounts paid to the contractors upon these dinners will be Mrs. Harry Manhattan residents by hearing cases per cent. was mentioned, he said, eniefly because the Department of East 119th Street this morning, that quisition programme concerning the Mrs. John Sanford, Mrs. Gifford dents, as the cluttering up of the Justice wanted some figure to be twelve police reserves were needed to Cochran, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt court's calendar by outsiders' suits named so that there would be a more handle the crowd. But before inventories could be jr., Conde Nust. Mrs. William Post, made it tedious for citizens of Man-

Meanwhite the movement to neovide coal in 100-pound lots to poor The prior ranges from \$14 to \$26 a Norwegians, Mr. Gillen said, claimed
State, 20,000,000 for twenty-seven ships with the United States Government, and were finally paid \$34,500,000 in April, 1919, although, the witness said.

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#### SAYS MANY DIE OF LONELINESS IN

"Starvation Amid Plenty" in World's Wonder City, Asseris Dr. Sears.

persons of every race and creed, whose songs are heard in South Africa, where movie stars are seen in Singapore and whose affuence extends to the remotest. corners of the earth, is nevertheless one of the loneliest places in the world, according to the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Sears, Superintempent of the Baptist City Mis-

"Every year men die of ioneli» ness here," he told an audience in the Madison Avenue Baptist Church last night. 'No foreign field offers a greater opportunity hattan, both because of its vice

"There is boundless opportunity in a city where men die of loneliness amone crowds; where there is starvation amid plenty, where a thousand people live on an acre

#### ON THE ADRIATIC

Eighty Women Who Studied Our Way to Walk Leave With Many Notables,\*

The White Star liner Adriatic valis at con to-day for Cherhourg and Southwith 250 first eabin, 100 second lest big batch of Christmas mail, most

#### BIG CROWD MOURNS PRIEST.

vices for Father Flood. So many people attended the funeral services for Rev. Father James H. Flood, assistant parish priest of the Hely Resary Church at No. 444

High mass was sung by the Rev made of the sums paid and of the Frank Crowninshield, Mrs. Duncan hattan to find redress in their own profiteers. He said the average Father Thomas F. Kane, paster of amount of material on hand for the completion of the ships, he said, large payments were made by the board to the contractors, and the records were not later available. Huge sums were not later available. Huge sums were Nast, Mrs. Orestes Ferrara, Mrs. Villiam F. Frederick Lewisohn, Mrs. William F. Frederick Lewisohn, Mrs. William F. Frederick Lewisohn, Mrs. William F. Said the average providers its said the average against the case of Abraham Block against the Bacon Coal Company for injuries alleged to have been caused by a less than 10 per comit.

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> A meeting of anthracite mine opernoy Lewis of Brooklyn announced the morning, with agents of the Department of the Wyoming Valley Coal ment of Justice present, to reach an agreement on fair prices at the

#### Horse the Better Groomed GAY NEW YORK At Horse Show, Not Society

MISS GARRISON TO BE BRIDE OF LIEUT. NEILSON

MISS EULALIA GARRISON.

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for missionary workers than Manand its loneliness.

of ground they never see."

Among the departing passengers ar he eight young English women who ohn R. Drexer of Philadelphia; Mr. and tiza: A. J. Drexel Paul and children; Mr. and Mrs. J. Low Harriman; C B hounced the engagement of her For Chose who did not wear furgate of the Spanish Embassy, Washogton; Count and Counters Calderari, aris; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Labouchere, f. Abisley Highman: Leo Weinthal, hief editor of the African World, Lon-fon; Mrs. W. H. Cocks, St. Louis, and dr. and Mrs. W. G. Oskman; New

#### Twelve Policemen Needed at Ser-

### Yes, Horse Has Come Back,

Uninteresting This Year, . By Harry Collins.

The Aristocracy that was the Horse day. Horse eemains with us.

glued in a polite boredom while equins Aug. 2

that some people accomplish the inescapable duty of attending church. Verily, the Horse has come back. But fashions at the Horse Show have. Comp-

not. And this despite the heroic ets | bin to side Post Office authorities in deforts of the committee in charge, which engaged a noted fasaion magazine in a novel experiment. The mannequins came, saw and ru-

tators rather than passive uctors. The plan was sound, but the dress, purposes only

makers selected conventional fashion themes which excited as much interest as the League of Nations.

"haute monde" at the Horse Show? original fashion creations interpreting You see I have circled around my It went to be a proud boart of American

The Reynote at the tipe of Show.

Show the tendencies of In dress, conspicuous informality is in dress, conspicuous informality is in dress. Not the automobile is Fashion during the last two years, indifference. Not the automobile is informal dress predominates, utilizing the enemy of the borse, but dress that is indifferent. informat dress predominates, utilizing the ever-safe velvet and duvetyn fab-Mrs. Cornellus M. Garrison of No. straight lines from the shoulder 114 East 71st Street yesterday and favored

Sechran, the theatreal and fight pro- daughter, Miss Edialia Garrison, to coats the serviceable three-piece cosnoter: Automo Cuyas, commercial del- Lieut. Frederic W. Neilson, aon of tume, with sable furs, was in order, Mrs. Louis Nellson of No. 510 Park Red and black hats formed a background that accidentally harmonized Lieut. Neilson was graduated from with the occasion. The day of the Annapolis in the class of 1917. He is a tight turban seems to have passed, for brother of Raymond P. R. Neilson of the hair dress calls for a certain brun Westbury, L. I. Miss Garrison, who is a niece of Col. Robert M. Thompson All in all, the fashions at this nota-

a flees of Col. Robert M. Thompson of the Junof this city, is a member of the Junlor League. She has spent much of
her time abroad, where she received
the greater part of her education. The
clues to the creator of styles.

If the Horse Show is to resume its All in all, the fashions at this notawedding is to take place before the Christmas helidays.

PASQUALE ON TRIAL: HE PLEADS GUILTY Likely to Get 20 Years for Second

for Kidnapping. MORRISTOWN, Pa., Nov. 7 - August but Horse Show Fashions Have Not, for They Are of Baby Blakely Coughlan, pleaded gullty to murder in the second degree and to kidnapping when placed on trial before Judge Swart to Montgomery County Quarter Session Court here to-

Degree Murder, and Life

Show is somewhat dimmed this sea- District Attorney Renninger rapidly son; but the Aristocracy that is the produced witnesses who described the events following the abduction of the Society sat in the lorger, may, were Coughtin hate fast Jame 2, ending with the crank's capture by Dire Harbor

masterpieces moved to rhythmic muupose the maximum penalty of twenty And Society was decased in this years on the charge of second degree minor mood of alcofness and wrapped murder, and also give bim life on the opious coats-in the same frigidity may ome to-day, it was indicated by Renninger

> Postmaster Compiles Brooklyn Directory.

ivering mail lacking addresses has been started by Postmaster Weller C Bur-ton of that borough. Carriers are disributing bineks which are to be filled and returned during the next forttreated, preferring to be autive spec-lators rather than passive actors. since 1912, is to be used for Post Office

themes which excited as much inter-st as the League of Nations.

What of the fashions worn by the equine sports must themselves wear

It used to be a proud boast of Amersubject, for one must be tactful, at lean designers that from the inspira-all costs. The keynote at the Horse Show is try had developed a genuine style era

is indifferent.

is something to get up for Sausages are waiting for you. Ask your butcher or dealer for



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